

FOOD PANTRY THANKSGIVING BASKETS

The Fremont Food Pantry will be sponsoring Thanksgiving Holiday Food Baskets for any Fremont resident in need of one. The Holiday Baskets come with all the trimmings to make a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner.

If you are in need of receiving a Holiday Basket from the Fremont Food Pantry, please call Kathy at 895 1162 or Stephanie at 895 4454 no later than Thursday November 20th. All calls to the Fremont Food Pantry are confidential.

If you would like to help the Fremont Food Pantry provide these baskets, the following is a list of items needed for every basket:

Turkey/Ham	Rolls
Fresh potatoes, carrots & squash	Pie or Cake
Stuffing Mix	Canned Vegetables
Butter	Bag of Fresh fruit
Gravy	Apple Cider/ Eggnog
Cranberry Sauce	Gift Card to Hannaford
Pickles	

We have had the great opportunity to participate with the Shaw's Supermarket fundraising program. This program allows us to collect Shaw's grocery receipts and receive a small percentage of total dollars spent. This is a great and easy fundraiser, so save your receipts! A drop off location is available at the Fremont Town Hall and will be available at the Ellis School. Thanks to all of you that have been saving the receipts for us and keep them coming!

Thank you for your continued support.

AARP FRAUD PROTECTION

Thursday, October 30, 2008 ~ 12:00 Noon – 4:00 PM

Fremont Safety Complex

425 Main Street ~ Fremont NH 03044

The Fremont Police Department is hosting an AARP Fraud Protection Class; that is sponsored by Sheriff Dan Linehan of the Rockingham Sheriffs Department, and instructed by Deputy Darin Melanson.

Some of the things we'll be discussing:

- ID Theft
- Charity Fraud
- Telephone Scams

Please call Mary at 603 895 2229 and pre-register as seating is limited.

AARP DRIVING COURSE

Wednesday, November 12 and Thursday November 13, 2008

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM at the Fremont Safety Complex

425 Main Street ~ Fremont NH 03044

The Fremont Police Department is hosting an AARP Drivers Course; that is sponsored by Sheriff Dan Linehan of the Rockingham County Sheriffs Department, and instructed by Deputy Darin Melanson.

This course is designed to tune-up seniors' driving skills, update knowledge of the rules of the road, and assist drivers age 50 and over with adjusting their driving skills to compensate for normal age related physical changes.

Fremont Police Department and the Rockingham County Sheriffs Department would like interested seniors to pre-register because seating is limited. Participants must attend both days to complete the course. There is a \$10.00 fee, which covers all materials provided by AARP. To make reservations, please call Mary at 603 895 2229 or e-mail her at maryw@fremontnhpd.com

EXETER HOSPITAL FALL LECTURES

Exeter Hospital is again presenting the T Elliott Young Health & Wellness Lecture Series. Register by calling 1 800 4 EXETER (1 800 439 3837) or on line at www.exeterhospital.com. Presentations are at Exeter Hospital in the North Conference Rooms (5 Alumni Drive, Exeter NH). Contact hours are available for health care

professionals in attendance.

Tuesday November 11 – 7:00 pm WHY PUNISHMENT DOESN'T WORK, AND WHAT TO DO INSTEAD

Tuesday November 25 – 7:00 pm "SUPERFOODS:" SIMPLE NUTRITION, SUPER FOR YOU!

COMMUNITY INVITED TO FOCUS GROUP MEETING

Announcement to the Community Regarding School District Focus Group Meeting on the District's Strategic Plan and Search for a new

Middle School Principal

The Fremont School District School Board is hosting a focus group meeting related to the development of a Strategic Plan for the District, as well as the search for a new Middle School Principal.

All Fremont parents, citizens and Town Officials are encouraged to attend the meeting. It will be an opportunity to suggest what should be included in a school district strategic plan and what qualities and experiences should be sought in a new middle school principal. The meeting will lead to a written report to the School Board from the moderator/consultant summarizing the points made at the meeting.

The meeting will be held at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, November 12, 2008 in the Ellis School Library. Any questions about the meeting can be addressed to the Superintendent's Office at 895 6903.

FAA WINTER BASKETBALL

The Fremont Athletic Association has held sign-ups for its Winter Basketball program for the following levels:

Grades 1 & 2 Coed

Grades 3, 4, & 5 Coed

Grades 3, 4, & 5 Girls only

Grades 6, 7, & 8 Coed

Play will be on Saturdays in the Ellis Gym (no schedule or times yet). Volunteer coaches are always needed. There will be a free Coaches certification class, held at a date yet to be announced.

The Fremont Athletic Association holds monthly meetings at the Fremont Town Hall every 4th Wednesday of the month; new members and sponsors are welcome. During budget season, FAA meetings are held in the second floor meeting room.

If you have any questions please contact Ralph Girardi at (603) 642 6478.

PRESIDENTIAL/STATE ELECTION NEWS

**** Ballot change**** The "straight ticket" box will **NOT** appear on the ballot. You **MUST** fill in the appropriate box to the right of each candidate you are casting a vote for.

**** Please be sure to answer the question at the bottom of the ballot.** The question pertains to a change in the polling hours in the Town of Fremont.

If you have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 895 8693.

The Moderator asks that anyone coming to vote please refrain from wearing any candidate's pins, hats, shirts or the like as doing so may violate NH voting laws regarding no advertising for any candidate within 50 feet of a polling place.

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

The Annual Holiday Tree Lighting will take place on Saturday afternoon November 29th. Come one! Come all! The Parks and Recreation Commission invites children and adults to the Annual Tree Lighting at the Safety Complex on Saturday November 29th.

Bring your kids and grandkids to make holiday crafts while munching on holiday snacks from 3:00-5:00 pm in the meeting room. The tree will be lit at 5:00 pm followed by holiday caroling.

Refreshments donations always appreciated. Please call Renee King @ 244-1404 for more information.

FREMONT GIVING TREE

Each year at Christmas time, the Fremont Giving Tree helps Fremont residents in need to make the Holiday brighter for their families. This nonprofit event was started years ago by the Fremont PTA. The Giving Tree allows families in need to call and sign their children up to receive gifts that may otherwise not be there if it were not for the help of our community. Last year, the Fremont Giving Tree was successful in helping 50 children in Fremont.

In years past, we have provided gifts such as toys, clothing, winter jackets, hats & mittens, and gift certificates, to name a few. We are hoping that we can ask for your help again this year. If you have an interest, there are many ways to help by sponsoring a child or family, a monetary donation, or donating a gift on a child's wish list. There is never a gift or donation too small in the eyes of child on Christmas morning!

If you are a Fremont resident, and would like to sign your child/children up to benefit from the Giving Tree or you would like more information on how you can help, please contact Kathy at 895 1162.

All calls to the Fremont Giving Tree are completely confidential.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Thank you to all who participated in the Friends Annual Book Sale, people who donated books as well as those who purchased them. The proceeds go towards the funding of museum passes and other Library programs.

Starting November 1st, the annual "Mitten Tree" will be in the Lobby of the Library. Please stop by and donate mittens, hats, gloves, and scarves for those in need during these tough times.

Remember to visit us online at fremontpubliclibrary.org.

CHILDRENS ROOM NEWS: Fall Story Times have ended. We had lots of fun listening to stories and poems about all things autumnal! We also made some delightful fall crafts! The next six-week session of Story Times will start after the Holidays. Look for further information at the Library or on the Library website.

PUPPETEER EXTRAORDINAIRE MARTHA DANA will visit the Library on Wednesday, November 19th for a special Thanksgiving performance! Martha has created a wonderful turkey puppet just for some Thanksgiving tales. Those of you who were lucky enough to see her perform during the Summer Reading Program know what a treat you're in for! This event is free and open to all Fremont residents.

Stop by the Library soon and check out our new titles - you can also access our latest titles at the website. Hope to see you soon!

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Do you have plans for Thanksgiving dinner? If not why not join your friends from the community at the People's United Methodist Church on Main Street in Fremont for a home cooked meal? Dinner will be served at 2 pm in the dining room with turkey, stuffing and all the fixin's. There is no cost for this meal and transportation will be provided for those unable to drive. This is simply a way to share with others as we have been given. So, if you find yourself alone or simply in need of a home cooked Thanksgiving dinner and companionship, please come join us. Call by November 24th to let us know how many to expect so we can prepare a place for you and if you require transportation. For more information call Janet at 895-6968.

FREMONT IN THE CIVIL WAR 1861 - 1865

The Fremont Historical Society will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, November 18th at 7:30p.m. in the Public Library Community Room on Jackie Bernier Drive. Admission is Free. The topic for the evening will be the role and contribution the Town of Fremont and various Fremont soldiers played during the "War Between The States" a.k.a. the Civil War. Learn how many men the Town furnished during the war, what military engagements Fremont

soldiers participated in; what life on the home front was like, how many Fremonters died during the war, the 1861 Fremont Civil War Riot; and much more. The public is always cordially invited. A short business meeting will precede the program.



FREMONT MERCHANTS DONATE TOWN SIGNS

Business leaders in Fremont generously donated funds to purchase and erect two new signs entering the Town on Route 107. Carolyn Carr, resident of Fremont and Garden Club member, spearheaded the effort for this project. Matthew (Sandy) Thomas, President of the Fremont Historical Society, provided the design, and Signs of the Times of Exeter created the signs.

Many thanks to the following donors: Justin Philbrick, Colonial Poplin, Inc.; Eric Schreiber, Schreiber's Collision & Restoration Center; Nicholas Kakouris, Fremont Pizzeria; Glen Hutchins, Glenn's Auto Sales; John Grieco, Quality Flame Cutting Co Inc; Kenneth Pitkin, Pitkin Construction, Inc; Tom Nisbet, Precision Placement Machines, Inc; Members of the Fremont Garden Club; Audrey Karamourtopoulos, Fremont Animal Hospital; and Robert Collins, Collins Pattern & Mold Co.

Thanks also to Guerwood Holmes and Leon Holmes Jr for their work and expertise in placing the signs, and to Robert Goodrich of W S Goodrich Inc in Epping, for his consultation and generosity with pricing of the granite posts. Garden Club Member Carolyn Carr also deserves a hearty thanks for spearheading and organizing this project, and taking the time necessary to meet with people and facilitate it all happening!

Photo: L to R: Carolyn Carr, Eric Schreiber, Robert Collins, Patricia Raymond, 1st VP of FGC, Tom Nisbet, and John Greico.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS FREMONT TASK FORCE LOOKING FOR MEMBERS

Careful planning and a commitment to the safety of children who walk and ride bicycles to school has earned 25 communities hosting 41 schools more than \$1 million in Safe Routes to School (SRTS) reimbursement grants in NH. Let Fremont be one of them!

Commissioner Campbell of the NH Department of Transportation (NHDOT) has approved grants recommended by the Statewide Advisory Committee (SAC) and the State's Regional Planning Commissions (RPCs). More and more communities are recognizing the value of getting kids outside and active, instead of sitting in the back seat of the family vehicle stuck in a school-zone traffic jam. SRTS is an unusual program in that it fosters partnerships among leaders from schools and municipal government, parents, kids, and anyone from the community who is interested. They identify the reasons people in their community drive kids short distances to school, and then plan programs based on specific local conditions. It is a program that can work in rural towns, larger cities, and many places in between.

We are hoping to apply for a grant that will support a "startup" program. This will reimburse communities **up to \$5,000** for the expenses associated with initial surveys of students and parents, preliminary planning, and some educational, encouragement and

enforcement efforts. Additional grants for the future would fund up to \$15,000 more.

For more information or to help with this project, email Mrs. Carol Foley, cfoley@sau83.org, Gifted and Talented Coordinator at the Ellis School.

FREMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE - NOV. 4

The Fremont Historical Society will sponsor an Election Day Bake Sale & Raffle on Tuesday, Nov. 4th during polling hours at the Fremont Safety Complex. Baked goods made by members & friends of the FHS are asked to bring any bake goods to the Safety Complex when they come to vote.

Volunteers to man the table are also needed. All proceeds earned from the sale & raffle go to help pay for the utilities used at the Fremont Historical Museum. Please call Matthew or Sharon Thomas at 895 4032 if you can donate baked goods for the sale or can help man the table anytime between 7:00 am and 8:00 pm. All donations to this cause are greatly appreciated. THANKS in advance for your help and support.

TOWN HALL BASEMENT RENOVATIONS

For planning purposes, the Town has put together a detailed request for proposals (RFP) for the renovation of the Town Hall basement, which has been discussed for the past few years. The Town has planned for this in Capital Reserve Funding by the voters. The Capital Reserve Fund has approximately \$71,500 in it at the present time.

The proposals will be used for the budgeting process, and if the project is approved by voters, could begin construction in late spring 2009. The Town's goal would be to use the best proposal received in order to award the work, if the warrant article passes in March 2009.

The RFP is posted on the Town's website on the home page at www.Fremont.nh.gov; and is posted at Town Buildings. It is also available by request by calling or emailing the Building Inspector at FremontBI@comcast.net; or 895 3200 x 18; or at the Selectmen's Office during business hours.

Proposals are due by November 10, 2008 at 12 noon in the Fremont Selectmen's Office. They will be opened and tabulated by the Building Inspector and reviewed by the Board of Selectmen in the following weeks. It is likely that an article will go before the voters on the March ballot for consideration.

Any interested and qualified contractor is encouraged to review the RFP and submit a proposal in accordance with the specifications. Questions on the project should be directed to Thom Roy at FremontBI@comcast.net or by phone at 895 3200 x 18. He is available for questions on the project through November 6, 2008.

FREMONT HISTORICAL MUSEUM OPEN SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15TH

Due to a large number of visitors viewing the Fremont Historical Society Museum during the 2008 season, the Museum located at 8 Beede Road will be open for an additional month. Townspeople and guests alike are welcome to visit the Museum on Saturday, November 15th between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm.

ADMISSION IS ALWAYS FREE!!! Come see and learn about a wide variety of exhibits that display the rich and colorful heritage of Fremont. See photos of Fremont Horse-Pulling Contests during the 1960's; the Fremont Grass Drags & Water Crossing Competition; learn about the old one-room schoolhouses of Fremont; Civil War artifacts; the John & Andrew Brown Gunshop; the various Fremont Riots; UFO Sightings; the largest Brickyard in NH; prominent citizens of the town, and so much more. This is an exciting museum jam-packed with dozens of informative exhibits that consistently astound guests with just how much fascinating history Fremont has. Town Historian Matthew Thomas will also be available to answer any

questions about Fremont that old & newcomers alike may have on their hometown. Take pride in Fremont - Learn why Fremont is a town you can be proud of. Hope to see you there. For more information, please call Matthew Thomas at 895 4032.

CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE & OTHER BOY SCOUT NEWS

There are 11 boys that are active in the Boy Scouts of America program in the Town of Fremont. Their ages range from 11 to 17 years. Within Troop 1 there are two patrols known as the Rattlesnakes and the Cobra Patrol.

Earlier this year in July, the boys attended Griswold Scout Reservation in the town of Gilmanton Iron Works for a week. There they worked on skills to earn Merit Badges. Environmental Science, Canoeing, Small Boat Sailing, Pioneering, Emergency Preparedness, and Woodcarving are just a few of the many Merit Badges that the boys earned. They also had Troop activities in the afternoon. Some of these activities were Row Boat Swamp, making dough nuts or cake in a Dutch oven, Polar Bear Swim, Archery, and Raft Building.

In October, Troop 1 attended a Fall Camporee at Camp Zion in Raymond (Onway Lake). The theme was Pioneering. There the boys learned how to tie several different kinds of knots and lashings. At the boys campsite they were able to build camp gadgets and a gateway from the lashing they had learned.

Troop 1 along with Pack 1 was able to run a concession stand at the Grass Drags during Columbus Day weekend. They sold meatball subs, baked goods, chips and drinks. This was the first time for the Pack and Troop. It was successful and we plan on doing it again next year.

For November the boys plan on a camping trip. Again the boys will be doing their biggest fund raiser which is selling Christmas Wreaths door to door. The boys have already started their sales during the later part of October. The last day of sales is November 17. If a scout did not come to your house by this time please call 895 0993 during the evening hours to place an order.

Once again, Troop 1 will be selling decorated wreaths at the Safety Complex. The scheduled dates are as follows:

November 29 and 30

December 6 and 7

December 13 and 14

The hours on these dates are from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Parents who are interested in having their son join Boy Scouts can contact the Scoutmaster John Ste. Marie at 895-0993 during the evening hours or attend their weekly Monday night meetings at the Peoples United Methodist Church on Main Street. The meetings start at 7:00 pm and end at 8:30 pm.

It is in the hopes to keep the Town of Fremont updated on Troop 1 activities throughout the year. We are having a Court of Honor at the end of November and in the near future will be hosting an Eagle Court of Honor for scout Mark Prescott.

BUDGET COMMITTEE & DELIBERATIVE SESSION INFORMATION

The Fremont Budget Committee continues to meet weekly, reviewing Town budget requests; and periodically reviewing expenditures to date for both the Town and School District. Meetings are scheduled as follows on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm:

November 5, 2008

November 12, 2008

November 19, 2008

Some Saturday sessions are being planned to begin review of the School District budget proposal for 2009-2010; and will be posted as soon as the dates are finalized.

TOWN PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

The Town's Public Budget Hearing will be held on Tuesday January 13, 2009 at 7:30 pm; with the Committee convening at 7:00 pm to review any petition articles submitted. This is in preparation for the Deliberative Session. The deadline for submission of Town petition warrant articles is 4:00 pm on Tuesday January 13, 2009 in the Selectmen's Office.

TOWN DELIBERATIVE SESSION

Fremont's first annual Deliberative Session will be held on Saturday January 31, 2009 at 9:00 am. The snow date for the Deliberative Session will be Saturday February 7, 2009 at 9:00 am. The Deliberative Session will be held at Ellis School in the gymnasium.

FGC SEPTEMBER MEETING

The Fremont Garden Club held their first meeting of the new season on Tuesday, September 23 at the Fremont Public Library. Members participated in a workshop, making nametags for the 75th Semi Annual meeting of the New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., which was held on September 24 at the Event Center of CR Sparks in Bedford, NH.

Mary Kaltenbach, the new President for 2008-2009, presided over the business meeting, and presented the 2008 survey results from members regarding programs for the coming season.

Aja Mahoney presented a program on perennials heuchera (coral bells) and tiarella (foam flowers), which were once just wild flowers but have been hybridized with leaves of many different colors, and they are great for shade gardens. Refreshments were provided by Karen Acton.

Due to a very busy schedule for October and early November, there will not be an October meeting. The next scheduled meeting will be on November 18, 2008. All interested persons are invited to attend. The FGC is a member of the NHFGC, Inc., and the National Garden Clubs, Inc, NE Region.

VITAL RECORDS REPORTED IN THE ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

Any Fremont Resident, who was married, had a civil union, or had a birth or a death in 2008 in a state other than New Hampshire and would like the event published in the annual Town report must send a letter of request and a copy of your marriage / civil union license, birth or death certificate to the Town Clerk's Office. Any Fremont Resident who had an event occur in NH and would prefer not to have the event published must send a letter to the Clerk's Office requesting the event not be published in the Town report.

All requests must be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office by Friday, January 2, 2009. Please feel free to call the office at 895-8693 if you have questions.

DOG LICENSE REMINDER

The 2009 dog license tags will be available beginning Friday, January 2, 2009. A current rabies vaccination is required for licensing and the Clerk's office is required to retain a copy of the vaccination certificate. You may call the office to inquire if the rabies certificate on file is still valid.

Please be sure to license your dog(s) by April 30th to prevent the initiation of a late penalty of \$1.00 per month. If you no longer have a dog(s) please contact our office so we can remove your name from the list. As required by RSA 466:1, all dogs must be licensed each year by April 30th. For your convenience, the license(s) can be mailed for an additional fee of \$1.00 per license.

PEPPERMINT PONIES 4H CLUB

Do you love horses? If you are 5 – 18 years old, you are welcome to attend the next Peppermint Ponies Club meetings at North Road Farm, 370 North Road, Fremont, NH. You do not need to have experience with horses and the meeting is free to attend as

a guest. Bring your family! The club meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month. For more information contact Jan Brubacher, Club Leader 679-3367, 303-1584 cell or j.brubacher@comcast.net. Visit www.peppermintponies4h.org or www.northroadfarm.com.

VEHICLE TRANSFERS

Transferring plates from one vehicle to another can pose to be somewhat confusing. When purchasing a new / used vehicle, you **MUST** keep the registration to your old vehicle because the Division of Motor Vehicles requires you to surrender that registration to the Town Clerk's office when you transact the transfer. Please be sure that whoever's name is listed as the primary owner on the old registration, must also be listed on the paperwork for the newly acquired vehicle. The Clerk's office highly recommends that if you have any questions regarding "transfers" that you call us at 895 8693.

FREMONT TOWN HISTORIES AVAILABLE FOR SALE

With the holidays approaching, if you're looking for that special gift-giving idea, why not give your Fremont friends, relatives, or neighbors the gift of Fremont's fascinating Town history? The 1,000 PAGE book titled: "FREMONT, NH - OLD POPLIN, 1764 TO 2004 - AN INDEPENDENT NEW ENGLAND REPUBLIC" is full of over 600 old photos, illustrations & maps, and contains 23 insightful chapters. The content is extremely informative and makes for enjoyable easy-reading on just about everything you can imagine about this historic old town with a truly colorful past.

Copies of the book sell for \$35.00 at the Fremont Library and Selectmen's Office. The book was researched and written by Matthew E Thomas.

WINTER PARKING BAN

The Winter Parking Ban is in effect from November 15th to April 1st. It is unlawful for any person to stop, stand or park a motor vehicle at any time contrary to any of the following provisions of this Section unless otherwise directed by a Police Officer.

1. Within the Town of Fremont, from November 15 to April 1, no parking is permitted on any public street or any town-owned right-of-way, or in any town-owned parking lot between midnight & 6:00 am.

2. In the event of a winter snowstorm requiring snow plowing and/or removal as deemed necessary by the Fremont Road Agent, it shall be unlawful for any person having custody and/or control of any vehicle to park or cause the same to be parked within the public right-of-way, or on any public street or any town-owned right-of-way during a snow storm. Vehicles interfering with snow plowing or removal operations shall be towed at the owner's expense.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

All Town Offices will be CLOSED on Thursday December 25 and Friday December 26, 2008 and Thursday January 1, 2009 in observance of the Christmas and New Year's Day Holidays. Trash is delayed by one day for each of these holiday weeks. Thursday collection will be on Friday; and Friday collection will be on Saturday.

From the Town Clerk's Office: Vehicle decal fees have increased from \$2.50 to \$3.00 per decal, per registration.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS on Sunday November 2nd.

Don't forget to change your clocks and change the batteries in your Smoke and CO detectors!

Conduct a HOME EXIT DRILL with your children.

Teach them what to do if they hear a smoke alarm

**or CO detector sounding.
Be sure everyone in your home knows how
to dial 911 in an emergency!**

ENERGY COMMITTEE UPDATES

As winter approaches, just a few reminders on energy conservation:

**** Up to 30% can be saved on fuel costs for our cars if we properly inflate tires, maintain speeds at or below the listed limit, have periodic tune-ups and combine trips whenever possible.**

**** When purchasing appliances, use "Energy Star" appliances which will result in significant cost savings.**

**** Always un-plug electronic devices when not in use or charging is complete.**

**** Approximately 40% of energy usage in buildings, nation-wide, is due to improper insulation, drafts, inefficient heating and cooling systems and windows which need upgrading. Caulking, sealing and weather stripping of foundations, doors and windows will result in significant energy savings.**

Various up-dates and suggestions on energy usage and recycling have been offered in the Fremont Newsletter, and we would like to hear from Fremont residents regarding any suggestions or success stories you have regarding energy conservation, greenhouse gas reduction, recycling and related activities. We can be reached at laron.robert1835@comcast.net or at my phone/fax 895-4013.

If you wish to monitor your electrical devices for power usage/electrical costs there is an inexpensive meter available (P-4400 "KILL A WATT") which can be obtained at psnh.com. The Energy Committee will loan you a device at no charge, as well. Contact us at the above e-mail/phone.

2008 TAX RATE INFORMATION

We are in receipt of the 2008 tax rate. The Selectmen's Office, with input from the Tax Collector, School, and Superintendent's Office, has prepared this information for you in an effort to assist in your understanding of the 2008 rate. The new tax rate, set by the NH Department of Revenue Administration on October 22, 2008 is \$22.56 per thousand. This breaks down as follows:

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<i>Town</i>	5.12	2.64	3.17	3.28	3.70
<i>Local School</i>	20.68	12.68	14.00	14.87	15.74
<i>State School</i>	4.28	2.28	2.26	2.20	2.22
<i>County</i>	1.48	0.85	0.84	0.88	0.90
Total	\$31.56	\$18.45	\$20.27	\$21.23	\$22.56

Vast differences between 2004 and 2005 are due to the revaluation. In 2008 we are better able to look at the prior years (2005 through 2007) as landmarks. A key component to the annual setting of the tax rate is the total amount of town-wide assessed valuation. This is the total value of all taxable land and buildings in Fremont. These numbers have changed as follows:

Year	2006	2007	2008
Total Assessed Valuation	\$415,332,105	\$421,914,226	\$427,227,039

At Town Meeting, we had forecasted an approximate \$0.30 increase in the Town portion of the tax rate, and it calculated to \$0.42. Town expenses increased due to a 3% cost of living adjustment for employees, an increase in the trash contract and disposal costs, as well as some added maintenance items at town buildings. A warrant article passed for mosquito control for another

year, and the harsh winter season also affected expenses and had to be amended at Town Meeting. The gross municipal appropriation increased by \$71,344 from 2007; but our revenues decreased (by \$124,002); and were less than originally anticipated. If you have specific questions about the Town's portion of the tax rate, they can be directed to the Selectmen's Office at the Town Hall at 895 2226.

At the School District Meeting, it was forecasted that the local school portion of the tax rate would increase by \$0.73. In addition, Warrant Article 3 increased the budget by \$16,200. This resulted in an estimated \$0.04, for a total estimated tax rate increase (school local portion) of \$0.79. It calculated to \$0.87 when setting the actual rate; with the State school portion increasing by \$0.02; making the actual cumulative school increase \$0.89.

Local School changes in the tax rate are related to the following: \$274,761 increase over 2007-08 – Increase due to contractual obligations

\$16,200 High School Late Bus – Warrant Article 3

Decreases in revenues from Building Aid, Catastrophic Aid and Local Sources

If you have specific questions about the school expenses, you can contact the Superintendent's Office, SAU #83, at 5 Hall Road Unit 1 in Fremont, at 895 6903.

As in all years, the local tax rates (Town and Local School) ARE A DIRECT REFLECTION OF THE VOTES TAKEN BY THE VOTERS OF FREMONT AT THE ANNUAL TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETINGS IN MARCH.

The State School tax portion increased by \$18,122, resulting in a State School tax rate increase of \$0.02 to \$2.22. This rate is based on the equalization ratio and the "cost of an adequate education" as determined by the Department of Education based on weighted average daily membership in residence in each school district. Each school district's percentage of total is then calculated. Each percentage is then multiplied by the Town's share of the State education tax amount to allocate a portion of the state education taxes to each school district. Fremont continues to see less revenue from the State of New Hampshire for education. The difference between the adequate education for each school district and each school district's share of the state education taxes becomes the adequate education grant for each school district. The NH Legislature continues to struggle with the education tax issues, including "donor" versus "receiver" towns.

The portion of the Rockingham County budget attributable to Fremont increased by \$10,210 to a total of \$385,548. Veteran Credits stayed the same at \$87,500. Elderly and blind exemptions decreased slightly to \$1,165,000.

Current use values did not change significantly, but there is new value attributable to new homes, garages, sheds, and other property value improvements. Additions to the tax base help to offset expenditures increases and more evenly balance the tax rate.

The Tax Collector's Office at the Town Hall will be open the following dates for payment of taxes:

Thurs November 6, 2008 4:00 to 8:00 pm
Thurs November 13, 2008 4:00 to 8:00 pm
Thurs November 20, 2008 4:00 to 8:00 pm
Mon November 24, 2008 4:00 to 6:00 pm
Tues November 25, 2008 4:00 to 8:00 pm
Weds November 26, 2008 8:30 am to 12 noon
Mon December 1, 2008 2:00 to 6:00 pm
Tax bills are due December 1, 2008.

If you have questions about your assessment, please feel free to stop by the Selectmen's Office and review the records. All property assessing records are public information. You can access the information online at the Vision Appraisal website at www.visionappraisal.com. We send updates in several times a year to the Vision site, and you can see the most recent date of updates when you log on. The Selectmen's Office is open Monday and Friday 8:30 am to 12 noon; Tuesday and Wednesday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm; and Thursday from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. Our in-house system is currently being repaired, but we will shortly have it back in

service and will be able to print your tax card. If this is something you would like, please send an email to FremontTownHall@comcast.net; or call our office at 895 2226 x 11 and leave your name and property information for us to process when the system is up and running again.

If you feel that your property is disproportionately assessed, or there are listing errors on your card, you will need to file an abatement. Our abatement information sheet is available at the Town Offices and on the Town website at www.fremont.nh.gov. Abatement forms are available at the Selectmen's Office, or can be downloaded from the NHBTLA website at <http://www.nh.gov/btla/forms.html>. (Taxpayers 76:16 Abatement Application to Municipality) as well as from the Town's website. You can also call or email the Selectmen's Office and we will send one out to you. Abatement forms are DUE no later than MARCH 1, 2009.

You can drop off tax payments with a stamped self-addressed returned envelope, and the Collector will mail out your receipt. The Selectmen's Office and Tax Collector's Office are located at the Fremont Town Hall, 295 Main Street; on the main floor.

Fremont Selectmen's Office
PO Box 120
Fremont NH 03044-0120
603 895 2226
FremontTownHall@comcast.net
FremontTA@comcast.net

Fremont Tax Collector
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Fremont NH 03044-0120
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The following Fremont Organizations are looking for members:

Open Space Committee ~ Conservation Commission
Planning Board

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Representative to the Exeter River Local Advisory Committee
Consider becoming involved! There are full board member and alternate positions available.

Learn more about your town and perform a very valuable community service. Contact the Land Use Office at 895 3200 x 17 for more information. Also check the Town website at www.Fremont.nh.gov for more information including minutes of meetings, notices, and postings. The Selectmen have sent a notice to Fremont organizations, boards, and committees to see if there is interest in hosting a "volunteer fair" to inform townspeople of available volunteer positions, and provide information about what the many Fremont groups do and how they function. If this is something you are interested in helping with (as a group or organization in Fremont); please call Jeanne in the Selectmen's Office and leave all of your contact information.

The Parks & Recreation Commission is also seeking one more volunteer to round out the five person volunteer group. Contact Renee King at reneeking@comcast.net; or by phone at 244 1404 for more information. The Commission plans recreational events for residents of all ages, and oversees the care and maintenance of the Memorial Fields on Main Street.

Get involved in making Fremont the place you want to live!

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

There is currently a vacancy for Trustee of Trust Funds for a three year term through March 2011. The Trustees are volunteers, who are generally responsible for management, investment and reporting of the Town's trust funds, which are for general Town purposes (libraries, schools); Capital Reserve Funds, Town trust funds, and cemetery perpetual care funds.

A general information piece (compiled from current statutes) is available on the Town's website (home page under volunteer position openings).

Anyone interested in this position can contact Pat Martel by email at martel4@comcast.net to get additional information. Pat will return a phone call to you if you leave your phone number in the email, or leave information with Jeanne in the Selectmen's Office.

If you are interested in the position, please submit a letter of interest, highlighting any pertinent background you have, including any financial experience. Submit a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen, PO Box 120, Fremont NH 03044-0120. The position will remain open until a suitable candidate is found.

AMERICA RECYCLES DAY

America Recycles Day is held annually on November 15th. This is a nationwide event whose purpose is to encourage Americans to step up their recycling efforts and buy recycled content products. We should practice recycling every day! To learn more, visit www.americarecyclesday.org.

Recycling bins are available at the Town Hall during business hours. The Selectmen's Office also has applications for composters through the Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRRA).

RECYCLING / TOTER UPDATES

The Town recently received a grant of \$1,000 to offset the recent purchase of recycling bins. Our recycling effort has greatly increased since implementation of the toter program. Thank you and congratulations to residents who are making this program work!!

REMEMBER TO PUT YOUR TOTER SO IT OPENS TOWARD THE ROAD!

Please also be reminded that corrugated cardboard should be cut to 2' x 2' and bundled. Any larger cardboard cannot be properly processed by the recycling truck.

Thank you for your cooperation with recycling efforts, we have seen our tonnage decrease and recycling increase! This saves the town money!

FREMONT GARDEN CLUB

FGC members Mary Kaltenbach, Pat Richmond, and Carolyn Carr attended the 74th Annual Meeting of the New England Region on October 16 & 17, 2008 at Sturbridge, Massachusetts.

The National Garden Clubs Inc, President Barbara May introduced two new national programs: Susan B. Kolman Foundation "Plant in Pink" which will provide support for Cancer research, and E. Learning, a Gardening Study Program on line which also includes a children's program entitled, "Tommy Tomato."

In addition to attending the NERGC meeting, the group also attended a garden tour and lecture about researching and designing the gardens at Sturbridge Village, ie: criteria used, and selection of historically appropriate plant materials.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

The Fremont Police Department is pleased to announce that the 7th Annual Fremont Santa Claus Parade will be held on Saturday, December 20, 2008. The Rain Date for the Parade will be Sunday, December 21st.

The Parade procession is scheduled to leave the Fremont Safety Complex at Noon. The procession will run until Santa's Route has been completed. As in the past, Santa will be escorted around town by Police, Fire, and Rescue personnel. The sound of sirens, and the sight of flashing lights will announce his arrival in your neighborhood. Children of all ages are invited to come to the roadside and wave to Santa as he makes his rounds. As always, Santa would not make a visit to town without passing out goodies.

The Parade route will be posted in town buildings and on the Town's website at www.Fremont.nh.gov in late November.

Check the Town website for updated information on hours, schedules & notice of meetings at www.Fremont.nh.gov